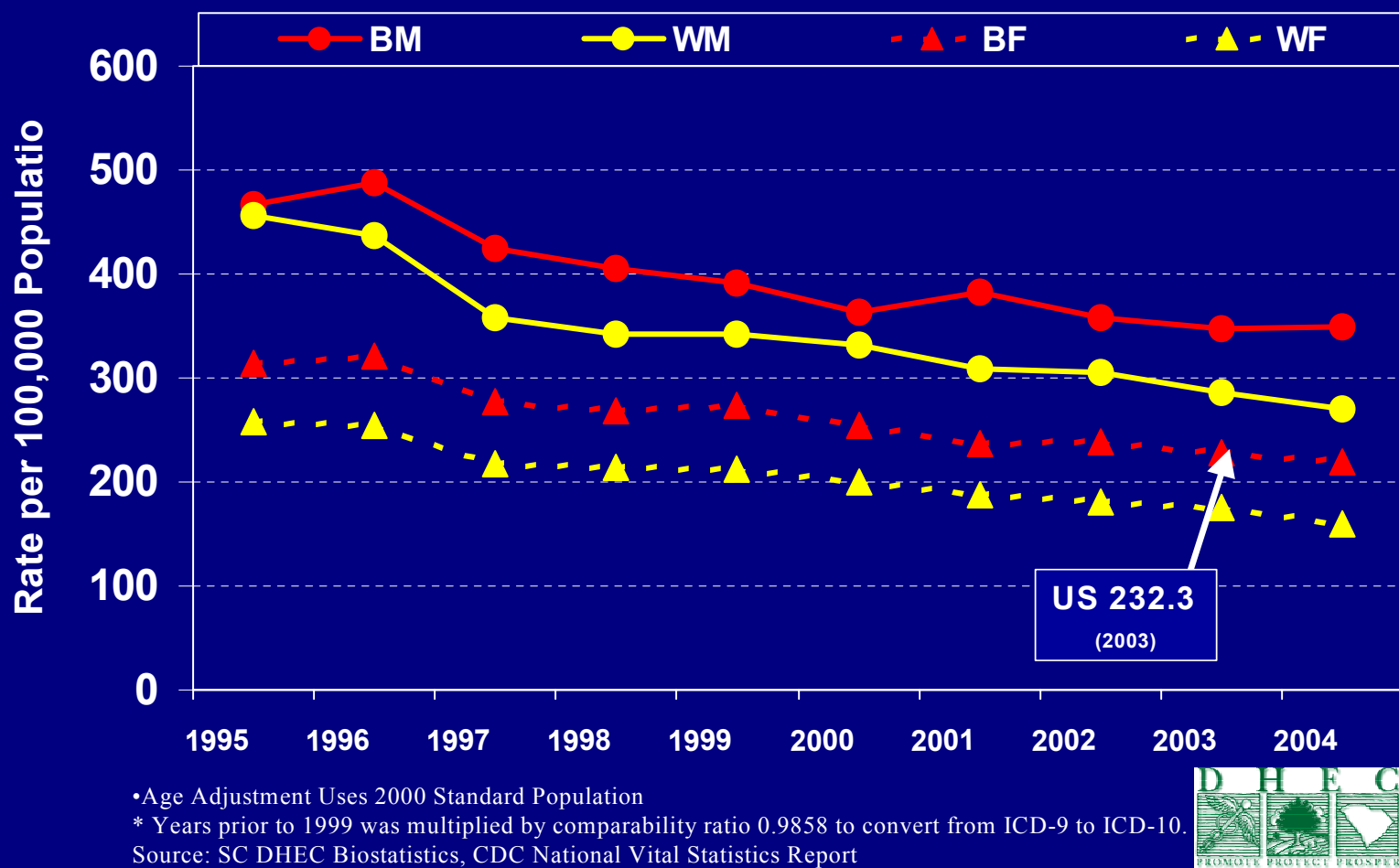


# South Carolina Health Disparities: Age-adjusted Heart Disease Mortality Rates\*



- Heart disease mortality rates in South Carolina continue to exceed the national rate for 2003.
- Heart disease mortality rates among blacks continues to exceed rates among whites (Y2004 BM:WM Relative Risk = 1.29; Y2004 BF:WF Relative Risk = 1.38).
- Heart disease mortality rates are significantly higher among males than among females (Y2004 BM:BF Relative Risk = 1.59; Y2004 WM:WF Relative Risk = 1.70).